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BRENTANO <i>et al.</i>)	Examiner: Switzer, J. C.
Serial No. 10/665,708)	Confirmation No. 6892
Filed: September 18, 2003)	Atty. Docket No. GP107-03.DV1
Title: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIUM SPECIES)	Date: April 16, 2007

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)

Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
- 20 or HP =	x	=		Fee (\$)
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal from the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on January 18, 2007, finally rejecting pending claims 13-20 (claims 1-12 have been withdrawn from consideration). Applicants filed an After Final Amendment within two months of issuance of the Final Office Action, and an Advisory Action issued on April 4, 2007 that maintained the rejections. Applicants believe that this Notice of Appeal is timely filed.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account No. 07-0835 in the name of Gen-Probe Incorporated (fee transmittal attached).

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